

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 30, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, claims 15-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 15 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 15-25 are now in condition for allowance.

Newly added claims 26-27 are based upon original claim 16. Applicants respectfully contend that claims 26-27 are readable on the elected species, and are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicants regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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